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SUBJECT:

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED JULY 30 SENT
TO STEPHEN OXMAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY:

QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE
PLIGHT OF AMERICANS JAILED IN BOLIVIA. ON THURSDAY,
JULY 28, THE COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED PARENTS RECEIVED A
PHONE CALL FROM THE GERMANY EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT WE
FELT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, ABOUT TWO DOZEN GERMAN NATIONALS
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES IN 'PAST YEARS' IN
BOLIVIA. UPON NOTIFICATION OF ARREST (WHICH IS IMMEDIATE)
IT IS OFFICIAL PROCEDURE FOR A GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL TO
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CONTACT BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS AND REQUEST DEPORTATION. IT HAS
ALWAYS (UNDERScoreD) BEEN POSSIBLE TO GET A PERSON FREE
WITHIN A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS, HE SAID.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT DEPORTATION IS
'IN THE BEST INTEREST OF GERMAN CITIZENS BECAUSE OF THE
SLOW BOLIVIAN JUDICIAL PROCESS, THE HIGH MANDATORY SEN-

TENCES FOR CONVICTED DRUG OFFENDERS, AND THE GENERAL

INHUMANE PRISON CONDITIONS.' BECAUSE OF THIS 'DEPORTATION
POLICY' AND THE PROMPT ACTION OF GERMAN CONSULAR OF-
FICIALS IN BOLIVIA, THERE ARE (BEGIN UNDERSCORING)
NO GERMANS PRESENTLY IMPRISONED IN BOLIVIA. (END
UNDERSCORING). WE KNOW THAT GREAT BRITAIN HAS HAD
SIMILAR SUCCESS IN OBTAINING DEPORTATION FOR ITS
ARRESTED CITIZENS.

WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE 42 AMERICANS NOW IMPRISONED
IN BOLIVIA ARE BEHIND WALLS NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF
BOLIVIAN INSISTANCE BUT BECAUSE OF A DECISION MADE BY
OUR OWN GOVERNMENT. SINCERELY, LARRY EBINER, COMMITTEE
OF CONCERNED PARENTS. END QUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS, INCLUDING ANY
INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY AT LA PAZ.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED COMMENTS FROM THE GERMAN
EMBASSY HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, NO RESPONSE RECEIVED AS YET
AS ONLY KNOWLEDGEABLE CONSULAR OFFICIAL ON LEAVE. CHRISTOPHER

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